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the AMAZING SPIDER-MAN

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JUST AS THE MYSTERIOUS **CRIME-MASTER** PREPARES TO TAKE COMMAND OVER THE CITY'S GANGS, A STARTLING **INTERRUPTION** TAKES PLACE, AS THE GLOATING **GREEN GOBLIN** BRINGS IN AN UNCONSCIOUS **PRISONER!**

HOW'S THAT FOR A ONE-SENTENCE RESUMÉ OF LAST MONTH'S 20-PAGE THRILLER??

I WARNED YOU THAT I'D NEVER LET ANYONE ELSE TAKE OVER AS **GANGLORD** OF THE CITY! EVEN THE **CRIME-MASTER** SHALL SERVE THE **GREEN GOBLIN!**

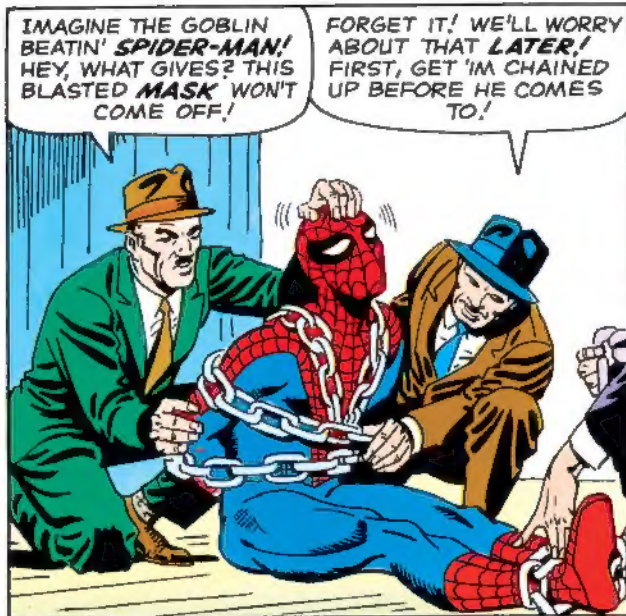
THE **GOBLIN!!** WITH **SPIDER-MAN**-- STILL ALIVE! BUT-- I THOUGHT I HAD **KILLED HIM!**

SOME OF YOU MEN, GET UP HERE! I **CAUGHT** **SPIDER-MAN**-- NOW SEE IF YOU CAN **HOLD HIM!**



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IF YOU DIG AN ACTION-PACKED OLD-FASHIONED COPS 'N ROBBERS MYSTERY YARN, THIS ONE IS FOR **YOU!** BUT, EVEN IF YOU **DON'T** LIKE THIS KIND OF STORY, READ IT **ANYWAY!** IT MAY JUST CHANGE YOUR MIND!



IMAGINE THE GOBLIN BEATIN' **SPIDER-MAN!** HEY, WHAT GIVES? THIS BLASTED **MASK** WON'T COME OFF!

FORGET IT! WE'LL WORRY ABOUT THAT **LATER!** FIRST, GET 'IM CHAINED UP BEFORE HE COMES TO!



TOO BAD, MY DOUBLE-CROSSING FRIEND! THIS WILL KNOCK YOUR PLANS TO GET CONTROL OF THE MOBS INTO A COCKED HAT!

DON'T **BET** ON IT, GOBLIN! I'M NOT LICKED **YET!**



OH **NO?** TELL HIM HOW **WRONG** HE IS, MY NEW UNDERLINGS!

WE'RE TAKIN' ORDERS FROM THE **GOBLIN**, AN' NO ONE ELSE!

ANYONE WHO CAN CAPTURE **SPIDER-MAN** CAN BOSS ME AROUND **ANY DAY!**

GET **LOST**, MASKED MAN! YOU'RE A **HAS BEEN** AROUND HERE!



AND, AS THE MOBSTERS SHOUT, NONE PAY ANY ATTENTION TO ONE AMONG THEM KNOWN AS **PATCH**-- THE POLICE INFORMER WE MET LAST ISSUE!

NOW THAT WE PICKED OUR NEW BOSS, LET'S FINISH UP THAT WEBHEAD!

IT LOOKS BAD FOR **SPIDER-MAN**-- UNLESS THE POLICE SHOW UP SOON! I WONDER IF THEY GOT MY TIP!



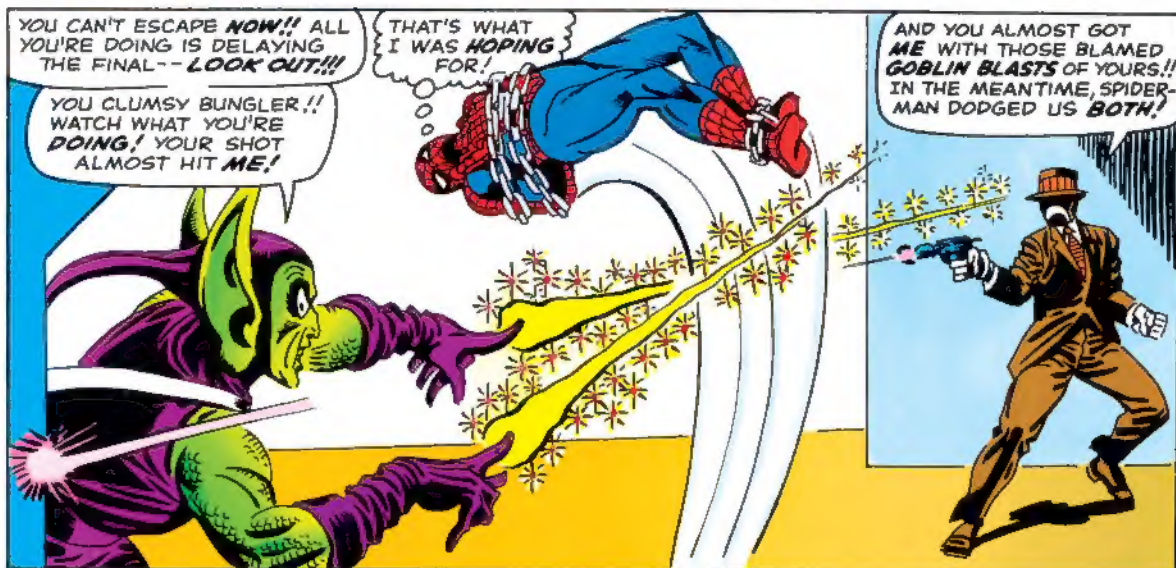
BRING HIM OVER HERE! WE'LL CELEBRATE MY NEW REIGN BY **UN-MASKING** HIM AND THEN FINISHING HIM OFF FOR **GOOD!**

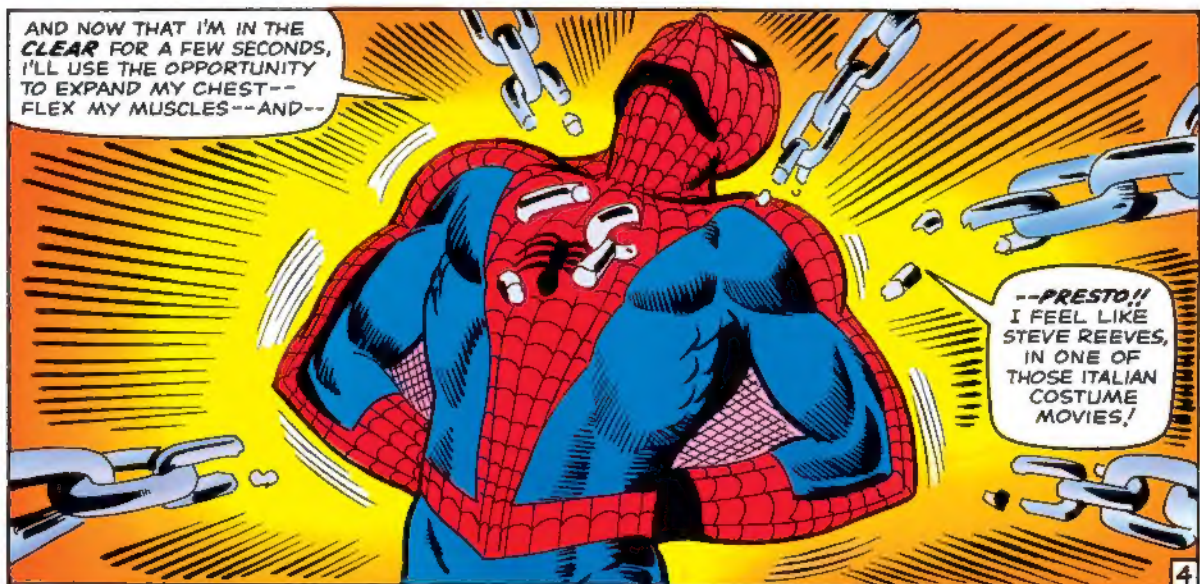
JUST IN TIME, GOBLIN! HE'S WAKIN' UP!



BUT, WE GOT NOTHIN' TO WORRY ABOUT LONG AS HE'S **CHAINED** GOOD 'N TIGHT!

THE GAS WHICH KNOCKED ME OUT IS FINALLY WEARING OFF! BUT, FROM THE **LOOKS** OF THINGS AROUND HERE, I WAS BETTER OFF **ASLEEP!**











MINUTES LATER...

PATCH SNEAKED OUT AND SENT FOR US, BUT IT LOOKS AS THOUGH YOU THREE HAVE THE SITUATION WELL IN HAND!

IT WAS *SOME* WORKOUT, JOE! TOO BAD YOU HADDA *MISS* IT!

WE'VE GOT 'EM ALL LINED UP FOR YOU BOYS! AND WAIT'LL YOU HEAR ABOUT *SPIDER-MAN*! HE'S A REAL ONE-MAN *ARMY*!



AND, AS THE POLICE FINISH THEIR MOPPING-UP OPERATION, THE "ONE-MAN ARMY" CONTINUES WITH HIS OWN PRIVATE LITTLE WAR...

WHY CAN'T I LOSE HIM? HE CAN'T KNOW THIS UNDERGROUND AREA AS WELL AS I DO!

HE'S TRICKY, BUT HE DOESN'T REALIZE HE CAN'T OUTRUN MY *SPIDER SENSE*!



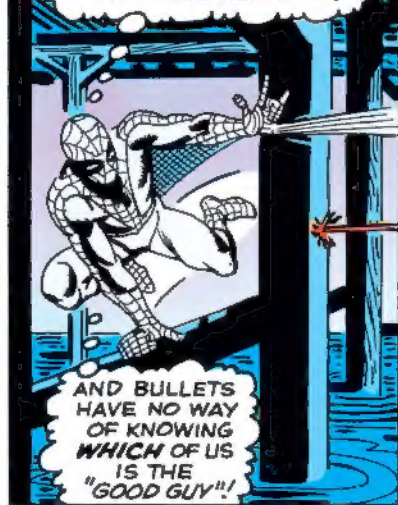
THAT WAS A *CLOSE* ONE! HE'S *DEFINITELY* NO CANDIDATE FOR A SPIDER-MAN FAN CLUB!



EVERY TIME HE GETS WITHIN PISTOL RANGE, THAT BLASTED *WEBBING* OF HIS SHOOTS OUT AND SPOILS MY AIM! BUT I'LL GET HIM *YET*!



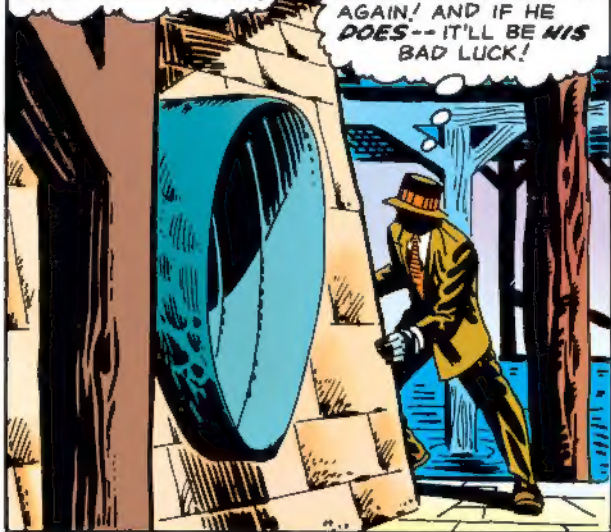
I'VE GOT TO KEEP *MOVING*! THAT JOKER'S TOO MUCH OF A DEAD-EYE DICK TO TAKE ANY CHANCES WITH!



AND BULLETS HAVE NO WAY OF KNOWING WHICH OF US IS THE "GOOD GUY"!

HE'S NOT FOLLOWING! *GOOD*! I MUST HAVE GIVEN HIM THE SLIP!

ONCE I GO THRU THE PIPE OVER THERE, HE'LL NEVER FIND ME AGAIN! AND IF HE *DOES*-- IT'LL BE HIS BAD LUCK!



HMMMM...HE MUST THINK HE'S *LOST* ME! I GUESS HE FORGOT THAT US PROFESSIONAL SPIDER-MEN CAN HIDE ON WALLS AND CEILINGS!

WELL, WHERE HE GOEST, SPIDEY WILL GOEST!!





I'M ALMOST THRU, BUT I'D BETTER PLAY IT SAFE, JUST IN CASE HE *IS* FOLLOWING SOMEWHERE BEHIND ME!



EVEN IF HE *IS* HIDDEN BEYOND THE CURVE OF THE PIPE, THIS **NERVE GAS** WILL FIND HIM AND RID ME OF HIM **FOREVER!**

JUST AS IT'LL DO TO THE **GOBLIN** WHEN NEXT WE MEET!



AND, A SHORT DISTANCE BEHIND...

UH OH! GAS FUMES! LOOKS LIKE I UNDER-ESTIMATED THAT MASKED MURDERER!



BUT, IF I MOVE **FAST** ENOUGH, I'LL BE ABLE TO FASHION A PROTECTIVE **HELMET** OUT OF MY WEBBING--LIKE *THIS!*

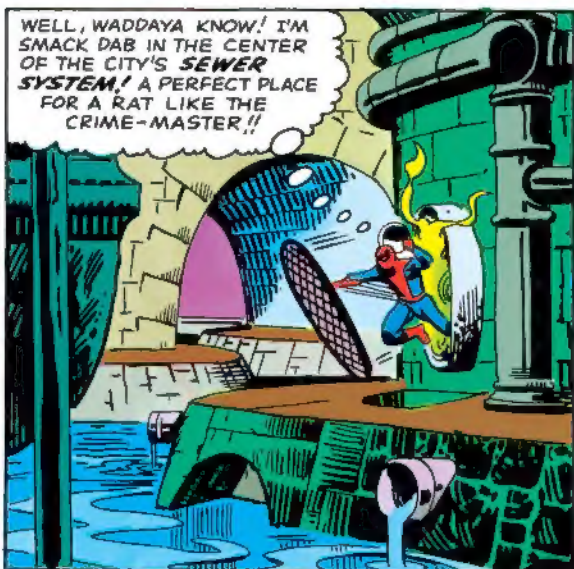


IT MAY NOT WIN FIRST PRIZE AT A **FASHION SHOW**, BUT IF I HOLD MY BREATH, IT'LL HELP ME TO MAKE IT THRU THE GAS!



WHEN! I HOPE IT'S NOT MUCH FURTHER! ALTHOUGH I'D NEVER ADMIT IT TO MY ENEMIES, I CAN'T HOLD MY BREATH **FOREVER!**

AHH! THAT LOOKS LIKE A **GRATING** JUST AHEAD!



WELL, WADDAYA KNOW! I'M SMACK DAB IN THE CENTER OF THE CITY'S **SEWER SYSTEM**! A PERFECT PLACE FOR A RAT LIKE THE **CRIME-MASTER!!**



BUT, HE COULD HAVE FLED IN ANY ONE OF A DOZEN DIRECTIONS--AND ALL THE ON-RUSHING WATER IS TOO MUCH FOR MY SPIDER SENSE TO COPE WITH!

LOOKS LIKE I **LOST** HIM!

MINUTES LATER...

THIS MAY NOT DO MUCH FOR MY REP AS A GLAMOR BOY, BUT IT'S ONE WAY TO GET BACK TO THE SURFACE!

I'LL JUST DASH BACK TO THE PIER AND SEE IF ANYTHING HAPPENED SINCE I LEFT! PERHAPS I CAN LEARN MORE ABOUT THE CRIME-MASTER THERE!

I'M TOO LATE! THERE GO THE LAST OF THE POLICE CARS NOW!

OH WELL! AT LEAST I HELPED ONE OF THE BIGGEST MASS ARRESTS IN YEARS!

BUT I *STILL* HAVE TO GET A LINE ON THE GOBLIN AND THE CRIME-MASTER!

AND, I *STILL* THINK **FREDERICK FOSWELL** IS THE KEY! I'LL JUST PAY A LITTLE VISIT TO HIS PLACE, AND SEE IF HE'S THERE!

EVERY TRAIL I'VE FOLLOWED--EVERY CLUE--EVERY LEAD--ALL SEEM TO POINT TO **FOSWELL**!

I'M *CONVINCED* HE'S MIXED UP IN ALL THIS *SOMEHOW*!

HIS APARTMENT'S *DESERTED*! BUT, HE WAS HERE BEFORE ME! HIS *HAT* WAS ON THE *FLOOR* LAST TIME*--AND NOW IT'S *GONE*!

HE MUST HAVE COME HERE, CHANGED, AND GONE RIGHT OUT AGAIN!

AND HERE'S MY SPIDER-PIN TRACING GIZMO! I DROPPED IT WHEN I WAS SHOT AT--SO, NOW I CAN'T TRACK HIM DOWN!

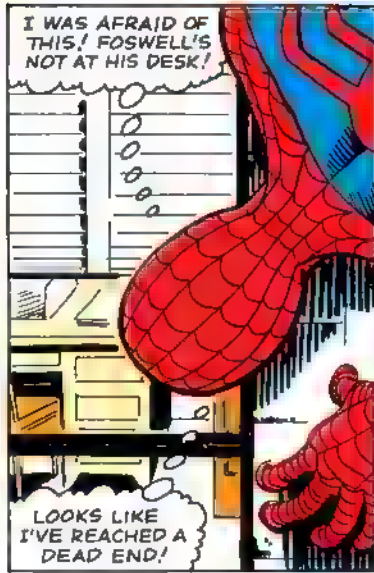
WELL, WHILE I'M HERE, I MIGHT AS WELL LOOK AROUND--!

THEN, AFTER AN INTENSIVE SEARCH...

HMMM... A CLOSET WITH A FALSE COMPARTMENT! IT'S EMPTY *NOW*, BUT IT'S A PERFECT PLACE TO HIDE A **GOBLIN COSTUME**, OR A **CRIME-MASTER MASK**!

HE'S *GOT* TO BE ONE OF THEM!

* AS WE SAW IN ISSUE #26, REMEMBER?--STAN.



WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN KEEPING YOURSELF WHEN YOU'RE NOT AT WORK, AND NOT AT HOME, FOSWELL?

LOOK, DO I HAVE TO ANSWER QUESTIONS FROM HIM, MISTER JAMESON??

OF COURSE NOT! NOW GET BACK TO WORK-- I TRUST YOU!

BUT, BEFORE FOSWELL CAN LEAVE JONAH'S OFFICE, AN UNEXPECTED TABLEAU IS ABOUT TO TRANSPIRE ON THE ROOF ACROSS THE WAY...

THERE ARE SPIDER-MAN, JAMESON, AND FOSWELL, ALL TOGETHER IN ONE OFFICE!

WHAT A PERFECT OPPORTUNITY FOR ME TO HAVE MY REVENGE! I'LL PICK ALL THREE OF THEM OFF FROM HERE!

DON'T DO IT, MISTER! WE'VE GOT YOU COVERED! TURN AROUND, REAL SLOW--!

POLICE!! WHO TIPPED THEM OFF?? I--I CAN'T LET THEM TAKE ME!

LISTEN!! GUNFIRE!! COMING FROM THE ROOF ACROSS THE WAY!

I WONDER WHAT THAT'S ALL ABOUT?

I CAN TELL YOU! IT'S THE END OF THE CRIME-MASTER!

CRACK!

HOW WOULD YOU KNOW THAT, FOSWELL?

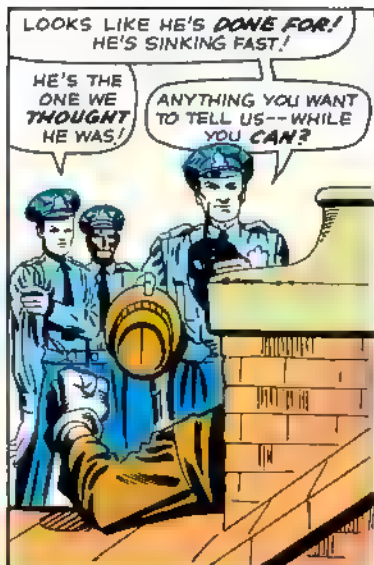
I TOLD YOU HE'S BEEN WORKING ON A BIG CRIME STORY FOR ME!!

YOU'LL LEARN ALL ABOUT IT WHEN EVERYONE ELSE DOES, SPIDER-MAN!

THE SHOOTING STOPPED! WHOEVER THE POLICE WERE FIRING AT, IT LOOKS LIKE THEY GOT HIM!

I KNEW THE CRIME-MASTER WOULDN'T GIVE UP WITHOUT MAKING A FIGHT OF IT-- THE FOOL!

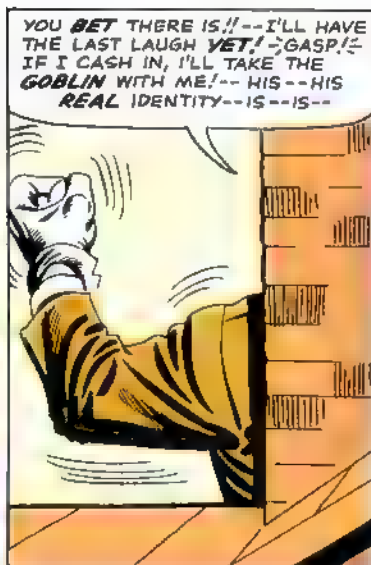
I HOPE HE'S ALIVE-- AND ABLE TO TALK!



LOOKS LIKE HE'S **DONE FOR!**
HE'S SINKING FAST!

HE'S THE
ONE WE
THOUGHT
HE WAS!

ANYTHING YOU WANT
TO TELL US--WHILE
YOU **CAN?**



YOU **BET** THERE IS!--I'LL HAVE
THE LAST LAUGH **YET!**--GASP!--
IF I CASH IN, I'LL TAKE THE
GOBLIN WITH ME!-- HIS--HIS
REAL IDENTITY--IS--IS--



BOY! IF I SAW
THAT HAPPEN
IN A MYSTERY
MOVIE, I'D LAUGH
AT HOW **CORNY**
IT WAS! AND
YET--!

A ROTTEN
BREAK FOR US!
HE'S DEAD! HE
NEVER GOT THE
NAME OUT!



MINUTES LATER...

MR. JAMESON,
THIS OFFICER
INSISTED ON
SEEING YOU!

NOT HIM,
LADY! I
WANT TO SEE
FOSWELL!

FOSWELL DOESN'T
LOOK WORRIED!
I WONDER WHAT
HE KNOWS THAT
I DON'T??



YOU WERE **RIGHT**
ABOUT THE **CRIME-**
MASTER'S IDENTITY!
I JUST WANTED TO
THANK YOU FOR
YOUR **HELP!**

THAT'S
OKAY!
I WAS
GLAD TO
DO IT!

HOW DID **YOU** HELP
THE POLICE, FOSWELL?

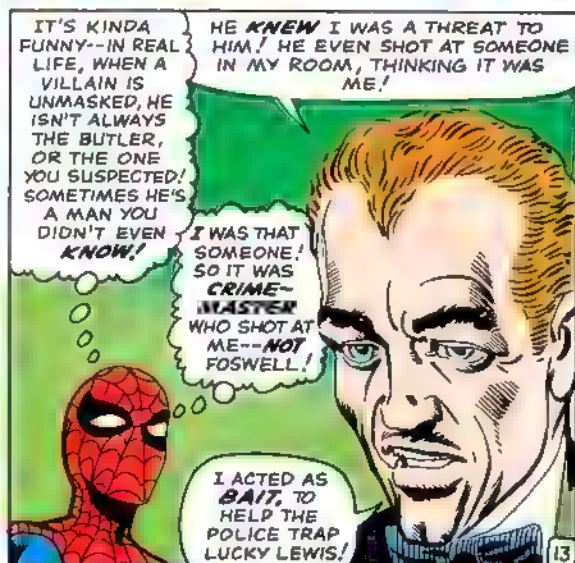
I FEEL LIKE A
FELLA WHO CAME
IN AT THE
MIDDLE OF A SPY
PICTURE AND
NEVER CAUGHT
UP TO THE
PLOT!



WHEN I WAS KNOWN
AS THE **BIG MAN**,
BEFORE I WENT STRAIGHT,
I KNEW ALL THE CITY'S
GANG LEADERS--AND
I KNEW HOW THEY
WORKED!

USING THAT KNOWLEDGE, AND
MY OWN UNDERWORLD GRAPE-
VINE, IT WASN'T HARD TO
FIGURE OUT WHICH RACKET
BOSS WAS THE **CRIME-MASTER!**
ALL I HAD TO DO WAS FIND
PROOF!

NICK
"**LUCKY**"
LEWIS!

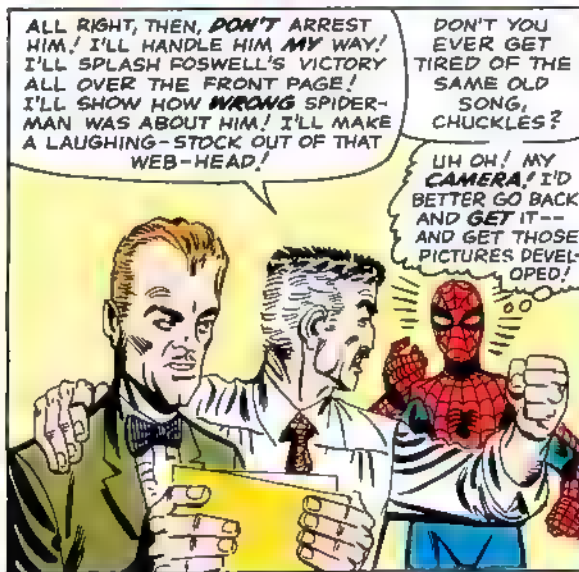


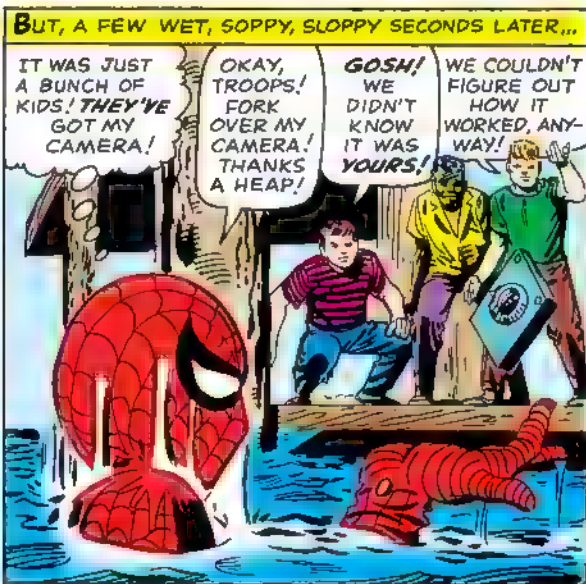
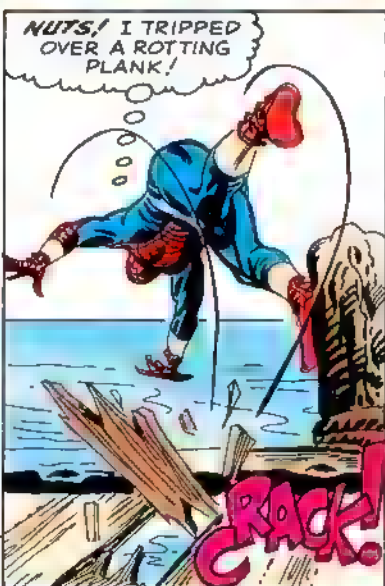
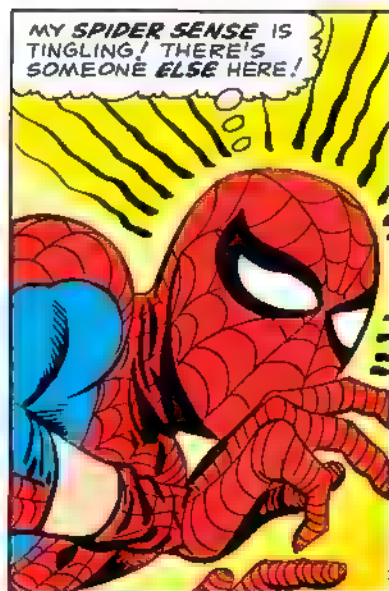
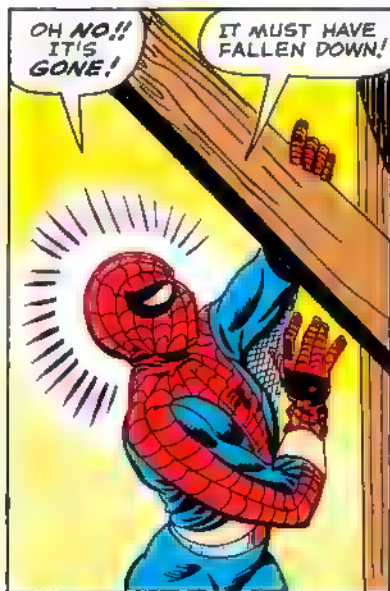
IT'S KINDA
FUNNY--IN REAL
LIFE, WHEN A
VILLAIN IS
UNMASKED, HE
ISN'T ALWAYS
THE BUTLER,
OR THE ONE
YOU SUSPECTED!
SOMETIMES HE'S
A MAN YOU
DIDN'T EVEN
KNOW!

HE **KNEW** I WAS A THREAT TO
HIM! HE EVEN SHOT AT SOMEONE
IN MY ROOM, THINKING IT WAS
ME!

I WAS THAT
SOMEONE!
SO IT WAS
CRIME-
MASTER
WHO SHOT AT
ME--**NOT**
FOSWELL!

I ACTED AS
BAIT, TO
HELP THE
POLICE TRAP
LUCKY LEWIS!





THEN, AS SPIEY HEADS FOR HOME IN HIS SOMEWHAT UNIQUE MANNER...



OH WELL, THERE'S NOTHING MORE THAT CAN HAPPEN TO-- OH NO!! THIS IS THE LAST STRAW!

SINCE I GOT IT WET, THIS CRUMMY, STORE-BOUGHT COSTUME IS BEGINNING TO SHRINK ON ME!

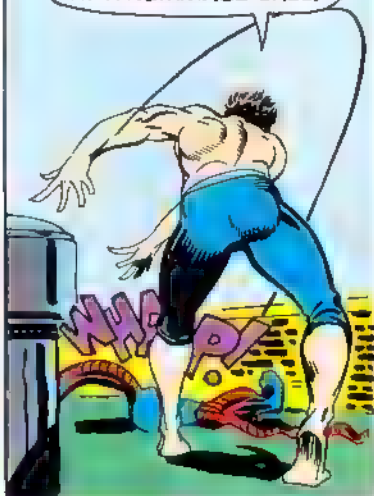


I MIGHT AS WELL GET OUT OF IT WHILE I CAN!

YEEOWWWNTCH! IT FEELS LIKE I'M PULLING HALF OF MY SCALP OFF WITH IT!



THAT'S THE LAST TIME I EVER BUY A COSTUME AT A RUMMAGE SALE!



THEN, AFTER MAKING A QUICK CHANGE...

BUT I THINK I'LL TAKE IT ALONG WITH ME! I MAY JUST BE ABLE TO FIND A USE FOR IT!



AND SO, A SHORT TIME LATER, IN PETER PARKER'S CELLAR DARKROOM...

THIS'LL BE A GOOD TIME TO PICK OUT THE BEST PICTURES TO SELL TO JONAH JAMESON-- WHILE AUNT MAY ISN'T IN!

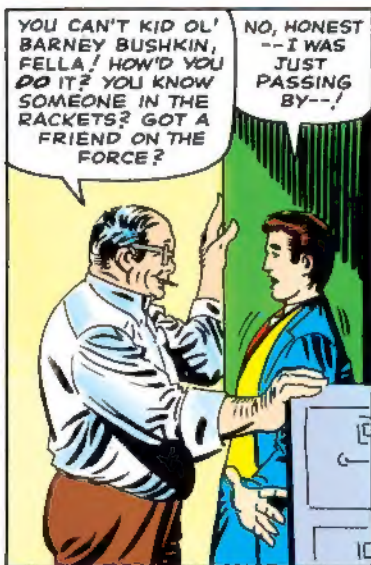
HMMM... LET'S SEE NOW...!

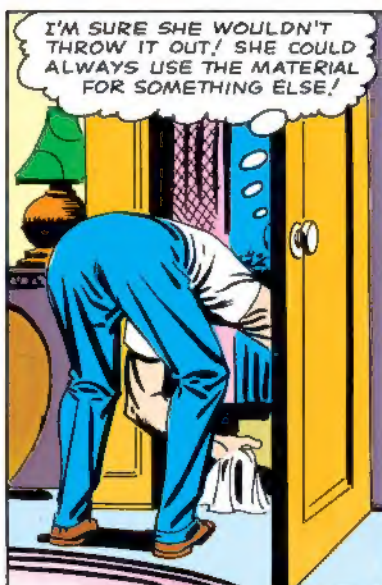
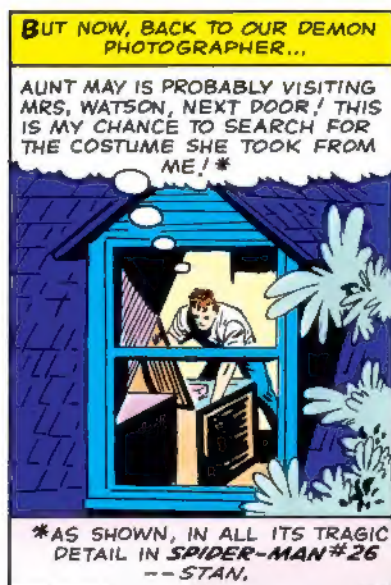


BUT, COME TO THINK OF IT, WHY SHOULD I ALWAYS SELL A NO-GOODNIK LIKE HIM MY BEST PIX?

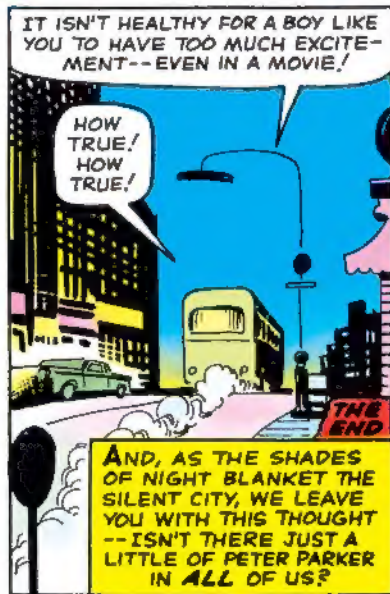
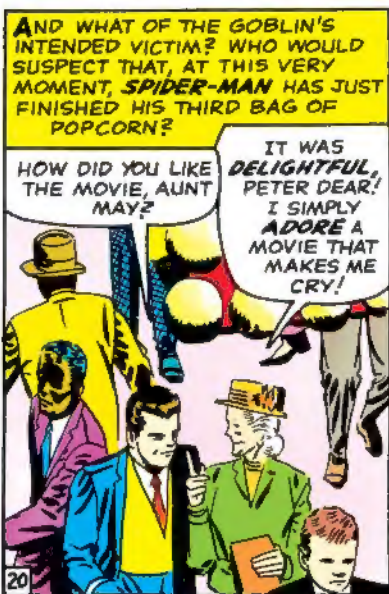
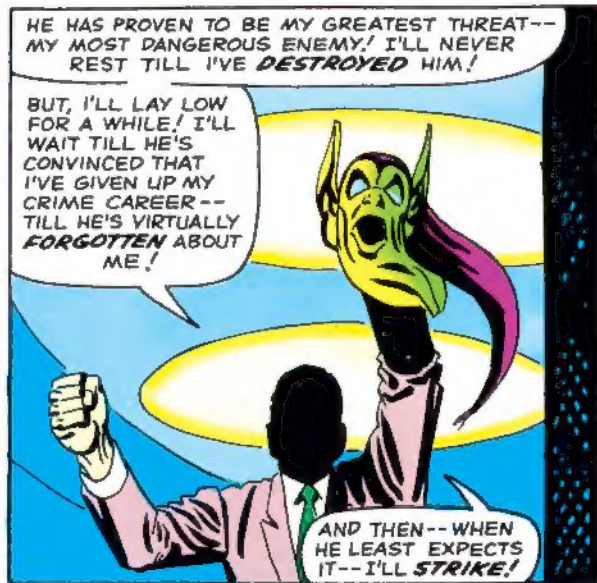
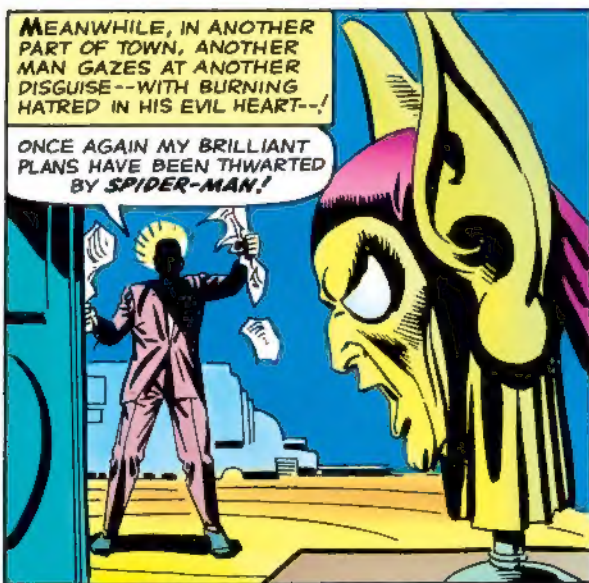
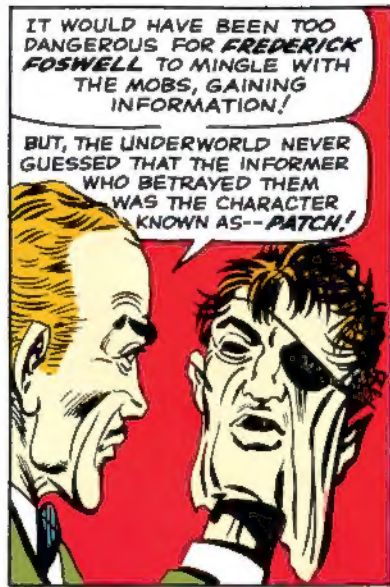
I THINK I'LL TRY ANOTHER NEWSPAPER THIS TIME!











AND, AS THE SHADES OF NIGHT BLANKET THE SILENT CITY, WE LEAVE YOU WITH THIS THOUGHT -- ISN'T THERE JUST A LITTLE OF PETER PARKER IN ALL OF US?